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Chapter 161 Invading Government Servers

When Charlotte's car showed up and the car whose driver was drunk driving collided with them, Tony's car slowly came and he got out of the car to save her.

Although the video was not enough as evidence, anyone with a discerning eye could tell at a glance that Tony must have known that there would be a car accident there, so he deliberately waited there.

After dialing the phone number of Frank, Charlotte said, "I have received the video. You let them continue to search for the truth along with this clue in the video."

But what Frank said next surprised her.

"What video? I just sent someone to check the surveillance camera on the road where the accident happened. They found that the surveillance camera was accidentally damaged. They can't find any evidence at all." Frank explained in a deep voice.

Charlotte looked at the video on her mobile phone and gradually fell into deep thought.

She first sent the video to Frank to verify the authenticity of this video and then arranged for a lawyer to check if the video could be used to inquire about evidence.

After arranging a series of work, Charlotte looked at the video on

At this moment, Ben and Anna knocked on the study's door.

Anna ran to Charlotte's side of her leg at once and lifted her trouser leg to check her injury, "Mom, are you still in pain?"

As she asked, she gently blew on Charlotte's wound and muttered, "The pain flew away. Mom, you won't feel the pain anymore!"

Seeing such a scene, Charlotte's heart softened.

She touched Anna's head gently and said, "I'm fine now. You don't have to worry."

Ben came over and asked, "Mom, is the video useful?"

Charlotte was shocked. She had thought of all the possible people, but she had never considered Ben.

She pointed at the video playing on the phone and asked, "Did you find it?"

Ben nodded and said, "Although they destroyed the surveillance video of the incident section of the road, they didn't know that all the city's road surveillance video would be uploaded to the government server cloud for seven days."

He did not realize that his mother had been completely stunned and continued, "Although it is a little difficult for me to invade the government website, but..."

"You haven't been discovered, have you?" Charlotte quickly

computer science, but she didn't expect that her ban sem t son could invade the government's website.

It's against God's will!

Ben shook his head indifferently and said. "Don't worry. I just checked the data and didn't make any changes. No one will find out."

Charlotte didn't know what to say for a moment. She led to touch the head of Ben and said to him seriously. "Let's forged it this time, but I hope you won't invade other websites at will in the future, okay?"

Ben was a little puzzled. "But I did do something good this time!"

Charlotte thought of Ben's favorite Ultraman and used this as an example to tell him, "The stronger the ability a person has, the more he should restrain his ability and can't do illegal things casually, understand?"

Only then did Ben nod. "I understand, Mom."

Charlotte held the two children in her arms and whispered, "Don't worry, I will take good care of myself and won't let myself get hurt again."

Ben and Anna looked at each other and their expressions suddenly became hesitant.

Charlotte, who knew them very well, pinched their noses helplessly. "I knew you would come here early in the morning for no good reason. Tell me, what trouble did you make this

## Chapter 162 To Find Someone to Support You

Anna quickly smiled and raised the iPad in her hand, "Uncle asked us to meet. He insisted that we must obtain your consent."

Only then did Charlotte see the chat history on the iPad. As expected, the other party had proposed to meet with the two little guys, but he had repeatedly insisted that they could only go out with their mother's permission.

Seeing that the two children were looking forward to it,

Charlotte thought for a moment and nodded. "But you must stay with Gorya all the time. If she says that you are naughty, you can never go out alone in the future."

“No problem!” Anna answered loudly with excitement. Even Ben, who had always been reserved, smiled.

In the evening, after the children fell asleep, Charlotte went to find Gorya and told her that the two children wanted to see online friends.

“Recently, the Pope family may take action to do something. Do you need me to find someone to support you?” Charlotte looked at Gorya. Gorya was stunned for a moment and suddenly said, “If you want to hire another bodyguard, I have a candidate, but his situation is special...”

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It turned out that the person Gorya wanted to recommend was a man named Erik Wolf.

To save her, the man lost his right leg, so he naturally couldn't work as a mercenary.

“But don't worry, his hacking skills and weapons are distinctive. Even if he can't fight in close combat, he can also protect Ben and Anna.” Gorya said anxiously.

However, Charlotte did not agree to Gorya immediately. Instead, she said to her, “I want to hear more about him from Sharon first. Can I reply to you later?”

Gorya knew how much she cared about Ben and Anna. She would be more cautious in the face of such a candidate, she said, “Thank you, Miss Clinton.”

After the visit, Charlotte called Sharon.

Hearing Gorya recommend Erik, Sharon was silent for a long time before letting out a heavy sigh. “It's been so long, and I thought she had already let it go. I didn't expect that she would still be trapped in the past... Don't worry, even if Erik's legs were limping, I can guarantee that protecting the two children will not be a problem for him.”

Charlotte was relieved. The next day, before Gorya went out, she told her that she had promised to hire Erik. Gorya's eyes immediately turned red, and she promised Charlotte seriously, “I am willing to protect them with my life. I will never let them

Chapter 162 To Find Someone to Support Your 3/3 Looking at Gorya, who was facing death calmly, Charlotte couldn't help laughing and nodded. “I believe you.”

When Ben and Anna came down and saw Gorya with red eyes, they were a little curious, “Gorya, what’s wrong with you?”

“I’m just too happy.” Gorya quickly wiped away her tears.

As a mercenary, she has long been accustomed to not letting her emotions be exposed. Perhaps it was because she had been with the children during this period that she had gradually forgotten about the bloody past. Instead, she was able to control her emotions freely.

It was not until today that she understood why Sharon would rather risk being chased and killed than come to Charlotte’s side without hesitation. It meant that they could live a peaceful life that they had not dared to expect before.

Although Ben and Anna did not understand, they also noticed the change in Gorya’s emotions. They quickly took her hand and smiled sweetly at her. “It must be a great thing to make Mrs. Jill happy. Let’s be happy together!”

## Chapter 163 I Don’t Believe He Cared About Me

After watching Ben and Anna go out happily, Charlotte couldn’t help laughing.

She had never thought that she would have to watch her children meet online friends so early.

Instead of resting at home, she drove to the company.

As soon as she entered, she saw Joe sitting behind her desk leisurely, studying the documents in his hand.

“You’re coming. Have a seat.”

His attitude was so calm that it even made Charlotte wonder if this was her office or Joe’s.

Before she could speak, Joe's gaze swept over the terrifying bruises on her leg, and his expression instantly sank. "Are you injured?"

Charlotte subconsciously hid the wound and then figured it out.

In any case, Joe wouldn't worry about me. It's meaningless to hide it.

She nodded. "I was hit in a car accident. It's not a big deal."

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It was just that she was now in the process of removing blood stasis, and her skin was fair, so she looked particularly terrible. Moreover, according to the tragic situation of the car accident yesterday, it was very rare for her to only slightly hurt her leg.

When Joe saw how indifferent Charlotte was, a surge of anger rose in his heart. "You don't care about your health so much? Don't forget that you still have two children to raise. If something happens to you, what will they do?"

Charlotte didn't understand Joe's anger. She didn't even believe that Joe would care about her, so she subconsciously attributed his attitude to his dissatisfaction with her.

"I'll take good care of myself. I won't trouble you to raise my children," Charlotte said coldly.

Joe sneered, "For example, getting in someone else's car at will?"

Charlotte was speechless.

"You've come to my company in your busy schedule, you're not here to teach me a lesson, are you?" Charlotte didn't want to talk to him anymore, so she asked directly.

Joe stared at Charlotte for a while and suddenly asked, “Did you get a surveillance video yesterday?”

“How do you know everything?” Charlotte frowned. She had only received the video yesterday morning. How did Joe find out so quickly?

Joe didn’t explain. He just looked at her and asked, “Did the Pope family do it?”

Since he already knew, Charlotte did not intend to hide it and sent him the video directly.

Looking at Tony calmly waiting for the car accident to end, Joe. frowned. “What price do you want him to pay?”

Charlotte looked at him in confusion.

“The Pope family,” Joe repeated impatiently. Charlotte finally understood what he meant.

Not only was she not touched by this, but she frowned even more. “You don’t need to deal with my affairs.”

If it had been five years ago when Joe had shown him even the slightest bit of concern, she would have been extremely touched.

It was a pity that as time went by, her feelings for Joe had been worn away by disappointment again and again. Now, no matter what he did, Charlotte’s heart would not ripple at all.

Joe looked at Charlotte deeply. His deep eyes were like a raging sea as if he wanted to drown Charlotte in them.

Charlotte did not flinch at all. She looked back at Joe calmly, and there was no longer the burning love that she had for Joe in her beautiful eyes.

#### Chapter 164 He Kissed Me

Joe suddenly moved. He stepped forward, pinched Charlotte's chin, and kissed her deeply.

Their lips rubbed against each other wantonly, and their ambiguous breaths mixed.

Suddenly, there was a rusty smell. Joe felt pain and let go of Charlotte. He wiped his lips with his fingers. His fingers were suddenly stained with a dark red color.

Joe sneered, "Charlotte, do you hate me so much now?"

Charlotte was so angry that she laughed. "Maybe you don't have a good memory, Mr. Smith. I'll tell you again seriously that we're divorced. And your wife is waiting for you at home. Don't forget that she's the one you've been longing for."

She didn't want to guess why Joe kissed her. Was it because of his unattainable self-esteem or something else? She had climbed out of the abyss and didn't want to fall back into it again.

The first time was stupid, and the second time was hopeless.

Joe's expression instantly turned gloomy. "Do you think I can't get the woman I want?"

"Then you can give it a try." Charlotte looked at him firmly. "Although the Clinton Family is not very big, they can still



protect a useless daughter. If Mr. Smith still thinks that I am the stupid Mia White from five years ago, you are very wrong.”

As she spoke, a sarcastic look appeared on Charlotte’s face. “Besides. Mr. Smith, are you sure you want me? Don’t forget how you treated me with disdain back then and how much you bated me.”

This was the first time since Joe had a memory that he had been kicked out of the house without any mercy.

If it were in the past, he would have left. But now, looking at Charlotte’s angry face, he was not as angry as he had imagined.

He was silent for a moment but did not move. “Since Miss Clinton does not want to talk about private matters with me, let’s talk about business. I believe that you, Miss Clinton are not such a person who can’t distinguish between public and private matters, are you?”

If possible, Charlotte couldn’t wait to throw out the man in front of her right now. But she also knew that a 20-billion-dollar contract was not something she could refuse if she wanted to.

Charlotte took a deep breath and forced a professional smile. “Okay, what do you want to talk about?”

“I want to see Moontide,” Joe raised his eyebrows and said.

Charlotte’s movements paused slightly. She looked up at Joe and said, “Why do you insist on seeing Moontide? After all, she is just an architectural designer.”

“A project as large as a resort needs to be handed over to a young architectural designer... Doesn't Miss Clinton feel that your problems are somewhat unnecessary?” Joe was sitting neatly on the sofa. If it weren't for the obvious wound on his lips, he would look like a boss who was serious about his work.

Charlotte thought for a moment and said, “Okay. Moontide will appear at home next month. I can arrange for her to meet you then.”

Joe looked at her with great interest and said, “I don't know when the president of the Horizon Group became a designer's agent.”

He leaned slightly closer to Charlotte and said. “Or, is there secret relationship between you and Moontide?”

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“I'm just close to her. There's no need to make wild guesses,” Charlotte said lightly. “Since we've finished our discussion, Mr. Smith, please leave.”

Joe still wanted to say something, but Charlotte's phone rang.

Mrs. Vega sounded a little flustered on the other end of the line. “Sorry, Miss Clinton, I was delayed for a few days because of something at home. Now I can come back to work!”

Chapter 165 A Spy Who Stole Trade Secrets

Charlotte's heart skipped a beat. She didn't know why Mrs. Vega, who had decided to escape, suddenly changed her mind, but it was a good thing for her.

Various thoughts flashed through her mind, and she agreed without hesitation. “Of course, no problem. Where are you now? I'll send someone to pick you up.”

Mrs. Vega didn't notice anything wrong at all. She just gave an address in a panic and hung up the phone.

Charlotte called Frank in. "Mrs. Vega has taken the initiative to show up. Take some people to pick her up. Try not to let her notice anything wrong."

Frank nodded and glanced at Joe hesitantly.

Charlotte also frowned. "Isn't Mr. Smith busy today? Do you still have time to stay here?"

"The matter of the commercial spy has something to do with the Smith Group. I think I have the right to watch the whole process here," Joe said lightly.

Charlotte knew that the decision he made would not be easily changed, so she did not bother to say anything more to him and sat back in her chair.

The two of them sat in the office in silence.

Not long after, Frank entered the door with Mrs. Vega, who had been through a lot.

Seeing that Joe was also in the office, Mrs. Vega was stunned at first, but then a complicated emotion flashed across her eyes.

Neither Charlotte nor Joe missed the look. Joe even asked directly, "Do you know me?"

Although this was the first time Joe had met Mrs. Vega, he quickly noticed that something was wrong.

Mrs. Vega shook her head repeatedly. “Mr. Smith has been to the villa, so I know you. But how could a nobody like me know you?”

Joe glanced at her and then turned his eyes to Charlotte, who was not far away. “Is this the person who stole the business information?”

Hearing his words, Mrs. Vega was immediately shocked!

She suddenly looked at Charlotte and denied repeatedly, “What business secrets? Why don’t I understand what you are talking about?! Miss Clinton, I was just delayed for a few days because of something at home. If you don’t agree to continue hiring me, then I will leave first.”

It was not until this moment that Mrs. Vega completely understood that Charlotte had not been kept in the dark all the time. It was obvious that she had already known her identity, but was just acting in front of her

She looked at Charlotte incredulously. “When did you find out?”

“What do I know? Do I know that you have evil intentions? Or do I know that you are a spy sent by the Pope family?” Charlotte said lightly.

When she heard the name of the Pope family, Mrs. Vega’s leg suddenly softened and she sat on the ground with a thump. She seemed to understand something, and her trembling fingers kept pointing at Charlotte. “It’s you! The reason why the Pope family suddenly sent people to chase to kill me is because of you!”

What she couldn’t figure out before suddenly became clear.

Mrs. Vega looked at the woman in front of her in disbelief. She had thought that she had fooled Charlotte, but now she realized that she had been fooled by Charlotte.

“Is it a lie that you broke up with Gorya just to make the children avoid me?” Mrs. Vega suddenly understood a lot of things. She couldn’t believe that Charlotte had suspected her so early.

Charlotte walked step by step to Mrs. Vega and looked at her from a commanding position. “I don’t want to doubt you, but you have exposed too much.”

## Chapter 166 I’m Her Aunt

A woman who had been dragged down by her family and abused by her husband all year round should be holding on tightly to the driftwood. How could she use resignation as a threat? Did she have to change her job?

Even if Mrs. Vega was grateful to Charlotte, she would never do such a thing.

Not to mention that from the moment she entered the villa, all kinds of strange words and actions appeared.

“If you had stayed in the apartment to clean up, perhaps I wouldn’t have suspected you so quickly. It’s a pity that you were too anxious to get the bidding documents, so you exposed all kinds of things.” Every word of Charlotte made Mrs. Vega more depressed.

She realized that the bidding documents she got from the beginning were fake. Charlotte watched her complacently take the bidding documents and hand them over to the Pope family. She took the opportunity to play tricks on the Pope family.

“As for being chased to killed by the Pope family...” Charlotte looked at Mrs. Vega and smiled faintly. “I just hinted that you might have something to do with me, and the Pope family could not wait to vent all their anger on you. So you are not so important, aren’t you?”

Mrs. Vega did not speak. Her relationship with the Pope family was just like pay after delivery. It was not important.

“What do you want to do to me?” Mrs. Vega looked at Charlotte warily and even forgot that Joe was also in this room.

Charlotte stood still in her high heels. She looked down at the embarrassed woman on the ground and said in a cold voice, “I don’t care about your dispute with the Pope family. As long as you answer two of my questions, I can help you escape from the Pope family.”

Mrs. Vega’s eyes suddenly lit up. “What are they?”

“First of all, what did you want to do to my children?” Charlotte stared at her tightly, and the pressure in her eyes forced her to look away.

“I... I don’t want to do anything. I just want to have a good relationship with the children and make them like me more.”

Mrs. Vega said confidently, but her eyes betrayed her. Charlotte did not argue with her and asked, “Secondly, what’s your relationship with Wendy Swan?”

As soon as she said that, not only Mrs. Vega but also Joe frowned.

“Wendy Swan. I have nothing to do with her! She is a big star. How could she know me, a housekeeper?” Mrs. Vega said quickly.

3/3 Charlotte unexpectedly took out the mobile phone of Mrs. Vega, entered a phone number in it, and waved it at Mrs. Vega, “Do you think Wendy will tell us about your relationship if I call her?”

Mrs. Vega looked terrible. She wanted to reach out to grab the phone, but Charlotte easily avoided her.

After finding the familiar number, Charlotte dialed it.

Mrs. Vega fixed her eyes on the phone and did not dare to look away. Sweat even began to form on her forehead.

Unfortunately, no one answered the phone.

Charlotte threw out her investigation results. “It shows that you have talked to Wendy on the phone several times. If you don’t know her, why did you call her?”

Mrs. Vega was silent for a long time before she gritted her teeth and spat out an answer. “I’m her aunt.”

“Aunt?” Charlotte looked at Mrs. Vega suspiciously.

#### Chapter 167 Why Don’t We Do A Paternity Test

Mrs. Vega quickly made up a moving and sad story. When Wendy’s parents suddenly disappeared, her uncle and Mrs. Vega took the responsibility of raising her.

But later, her uncle and Mrs. Vega also had their children to raise, so they could only send her to an orphanage because of their poor condition.

“I only found out later that Wendy was the child from back then. I wanted to get in touch with her and benefit from it,” Mrs. Vega said with feigned disdain. “It’s a pity that Wendy was too stingy, so I broke off contact with her.”

Charlotte didn’t believe a word of hers.

“Are you sure this is what you said?” Charlotte looked at Mrs. Vega with a faint smile. Her eyes swept over her facial features, which were somewhat similar to Wendy’s. Suddenly, an idea came to her. “Why don’t we do a paternity test?”

Mrs. Vega tensed up and forced herself to look calm. “I’m just her aunt. Why do we need to do a paternity test? You don’t suspect that she’s my daughter, do you? If I had such a good daughter, would I have to take this risk to do it?”

Just as Mrs. Vega was racking her brains on how to refuse the said makes sense. There is no need to do a paternity test.”

As soon as Mrs. Vega breathed a sigh of relief, she heard Charlotte ask Frank to call the police.

She was shocked. “Didn’t you promise me that you would help me escape from the pursuit of the Pope family? Why did you call the police?”

“Is there any safer place than prison? Don’t worry, the Pope family has no way of managing things in prison.” Charlotte smiled casually.

Only then did Mrs. Vega realize that Charlotte had never intended to let her go from the very beginning.

She pounced on Charlotte fiercely. “You are a b\*tch!”

But how could her skills compare with Charlotte’s?

Before she could even touch the corner of Charlotte’s clothes, she was kicked away by Charlotte and fell.

Mrs. Vega covered her aching chest and said with a grim look, “If I had known you would end up like this, I would have let you die outside. One day, I will teach you a lesson!”

Charlotte didn’t care about this level of curse at all.

She suddenly looked at Joe and said anxiously, “Mr. Smith! I’m Mrs. Smith’s aunt. If something happens to me, you’ll lose face!”

Chapter 167 Why Don’t We Do A Paternity T... 3/4 Charlotte also looked at Joc.

Joe glanced at Mrs. Vega and said indifferently, “I’ve never heard her mention her aunt.”

This sentence completely extinguished the fire of hope of Mrs. Vega. She did not give up and got up, slamming in Frank’s direction.

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However, at this time, the door was opened and Officer Carter came in from the outside. He grabbed Mrs. Vega's arm as reflex and pulled her back.

After all these years as a police officer, it was still the first time he'd seen someone pounce on him.

Officer Carter couldn't help sighing. If every victim in the world was like Charlotte, he was afraid that he would be useless as a policeman.

After sending Mrs. Vega away, Charlotte's gaze fell on Joe. "Mr. Smith has finished watching the show. You should be leaving now, right?"

Joe did not answer. Instead, he looked at her and said, "You're still suspecting that Wendy has something to do with Mrs. Vega."

His tone was very firm, and Charlotte had nothing to hide. "My servant once followed her to a high-grade area, and if there is no accident, that is her residence. Do you think that if she is really

as down and out as you said, she may live in a high-grade area?"

Not to mention that as a big star, Wendy had done a good job of keeping secrets. How could she let a stranger get her phone number so easily?

#### Chapter 168 Meet Children's Online Friend

Joe's eyes darkened. "I'll find out the truth."

Charlotte was a little surprised. She originally thought that Joe would not understand the truth and scolded herself for attempting to frame Wendy, but now he said that he was going to investigate it.

However, Joe's actions did not affect her at all. Charlotte nodded casually and said, "It's up to you."

For her, if she had just found out the real identity of Mrs. Vega, Wendy would only cry and Joe would let them go. But if Mrs. Vega's identity was kept secret... This show would be wonderful.

Joe thought that she did not believe him, so he did not explain further and left Charlotte's office.

When she was about to get off work, Charlotte received a phone call from Ben and Anna, saying that their online friend had invited them to dinner together and asked them to invite Charlotte over.

Charlotte had wanted to refuse, but when she heard the joy and excitement in the children's voices, she thought about it and did not refuse.

After changing into a simple dress, Charlotte drove straight to the restaurant mentioned by the children.

As soon as she entered the door, Anna, who was waiting at the door, brought her a fresh rose.

Charlotte smiled in surprise. "Thank you! Why do you suddenly want to send me a flower?"

Anna said with embarrassment, "Gideon told me. He said that mom had a hard day's work, so he asked me to give you a flower as a surprise."

Smelling the fragrance of the rose in her hand, Charlotte's impression of this person was getting better and better.

Charlotte took Anna to their table. When she saw the man opposite the table, she was stunned, "Gideon?"

She had never dreamed that Gideon McKinney, would go on a “date” with the children.

Gideon looked at Charlotte with a smile. “Are you going to stand there with your children?”

Seeing that Gideon was not surprised at all, Charlotte

immediately understood. “Gideon, you already knew it was me so early?”

Gideon smiled gently and said, “You probably don’t know that on dating websites, you need to submit photos of yourself.”

Charlotte suddenly realized why someone was patient enough to chat with the two children for so long. It turned out that he had already known that Ben and Anna were her children.

“I’m so sorry.” Charlotte quickly apologized to Gideon. “They disturbed you.”

Gideon naturally denied it. He shook his head and said, “It’s not a big deal. They’re very interesting.”

In the face of him, Charlotte was a little embarrassed.

Because she had just given birth to a child and was weak, Gideon took good care of her when she was in school and helped her solve a lot of problems, which also caused a lot of gossip.

Charlotte herself didn’t care about this matter, but she didn’t expect that one day, Gideon’s girlfriend would come to her and warn her to stay away from Gideon. Charlotte slowly broke off contact with Gideon helplessly.

She had never imagined that they would meet again in such a

way.

After a moment of silence, Charlotte asked casually, “Where is your girlfriend?”

It’s turn to Gideon felt surprised. “My girlfriend? I don’t have a girlfriend.”

Chapter 169 You Can’t Change your Father at Will

“You don’t have a girlfriend?”

Charlotte looked at Gideon in shock. She hesitated for a moment and finally told him that his girlfriend had warned her to keep away from him.

“At that time, she not only took out a lot of your private photos but also your intimate photos... In addition, you are very understated and mysterious...” Charlotte said with some embarrassment.

At that time, she had just recovered, and the Clinton Family came to deal with all kinds of affairs. In addition, the other party was too confident, so she was not in the mood to investigate further and believed them.

Gideon pursed his lips and his eyes gradually darkened. “Is this why you suddenly lost contact with me?”

Charlotte was embarrassed.

She said with embarrassment, “I’m sorry, Gideon. I don’t know...”

“It doesn’t matter.” Gideon smiled warmly and gently put down the cup in his hand. “I will investigate this matter thoroughly.

After all, I have never had a girlfriend. It's not good to be slandered like this."

"Mom!"

Fortunately, Ben and Anna came back at this time. Their presence diluted the embarrassment on the spot, and the atmosphere gradually eased up.

Before leaving, Gideon suddenly took out his mobile phone and said, "Since the misunderstanding has been resolved, can you give me your contact information?"

It had been a long time since Charlotte had experienced such embarrassment. She quickly took out her mobile phone and said, "Gideon, I was wrong! Don't talk about it anymore."

Gideon smiled and said, "Okay, I won't talk about it anymore. Some time ago, the teacher was still talking about you. He said that you were like a fledgling with hard wings who had grown up and had never flown back."

Hearing this, Charlotte became more and more embarrassed.

Ever since she returned home, she had been busy and had not been able to contact her teacher in time.

"I'll contact him when I get back, I hope he won't blame me." Charlotte smiled bitterly.

"According to his character, this possibility is very small."

Seeing her depressed look, Gideon chuckled and said, "You just need to pretend to be miserable. He will forgive you."

After they parted, Charlotte took Ben and Anna home.

As soon as they entered the door, Anna could not wait to ask, “Will Mr. McKinney be our father?”

Charlotte didn’t know whether to laugh or cry. She had to explain, “You already have a father. You can’t change it at will.”

“But this daddy doesn’t live with us, and there is the other aunt. We want to change one!” Anna said confidently.

She wanted to see how Joe would react when he heard what Anna said.

After patiently explaining to Anna for a long time, she reluctantly accepted that Gideon would not be her father, and went back to her room with a pouting mouth.

Charlotte couldn’t help laughing and noticed that there was a bunch of extremely delicate and charming roses in the living room.

She asked Mr. River in confusion, “What’s this?”

“These flowers were delivered this afternoon. It is said that the person who ordered them is your friend, and he also booked them for a month at a time.” Mr. River explained, but without Charlotte’s confirmation, he did not rashly put the flowers in the living room.

It was for her?

Charlotte frowned. She had just returned home and had never seen any crazy pursuers.

After searching among the flowers, Charlotte quickly found the card hidden under the flowers.

In addition to a simple love poem, there was also a name on it.

It was Tony Pope.

#### Chapter 170 Not Accepting His Flowers

She frowned and put down the card in her hand. She had never thought that the person who would send her flowers would be Tony.

After what had happened last time, he should have her to the extreme. How could he send her flowers?

She thought for a moment and said to Mr. River, “Don’t accept all the flowers sent by this person in the future. If the courier says that they can’t be returned, let him throw them away directly.”

Mr. River did not ask any more questions and nodded in agreement.

Charlotte thought that the matter had been solved, but when she went to the company the next day, she was surprised to find a bunch of huge roses on the desk at the reception.

The quality of these roses was even better than the last time. Even the round and rolling dewdrops on the petals and leaves can be seen.

“Who sent this?” Charlotte frowned and her eyes fell on the receptionist.

The receptionist quickly explained, “The person who sent the flowers said that he was your friend, and he has ordered it for more than a month...”

“Don’t accept it again in the future, no matter what they say,” Charlotte warned the receptionist with a serious look.

The receptionist nodded repeatedly and said, “Don’t worry. I promise I won’t accept it again!”

Although Charlotte immediately asked the receptionist to return the flowers, rumors soon spread in the company that someone had fallen in love with Charlotte at first sight and was pursuing her crazily.

All kinds of versions of the story became more and more intense. Sometimes, even Charlotte herself almost believed their story, if she were not the protagonist.

“We completed the project this time after finishing the bidding conference, and the Smith Group proposed to hold a celebration party with us.” Frank closed all his speculations outside the door and took the initiative to put a document in front of Charlotte.

Charlotte looked at the proposal of the banquet and nodded.

“In that case, let’s set the banquet next Wednesday so that it will take a longer time to prepare.”

Just as they were talking, the secretary outside came in with a strange man.

It was Tony,

Ignoring the secretary’s embarrassed expression, Tony went straight to the sofa in the reception room and looked at

Charlotte with a smile.

“Isn’t it inappropriate for Mr. Tony to break into my office without an appointment?” Charlotte gestured for the secretary to leave first.

Tony sneered and said, “I tried my best to send Miss Clinton gifts, but unfortunately, you don’t accept them. So I had to come here myself.”

Charlotte did not think that her charm would make Tony forget that she had slapped him in public.

She smiled and said, “You and I are both adults. Mr. Tony, you don’t have to play such a childish trick.”

Tony looked around Charlotte’s office with his sticky eyes and then smiled. “Why don’t you believe me when I put my heart in front of you, Miss Clinton? Maybe you want to find a more direct way...”

His tone was ambiguous, which made people feel very uncomfortable.

Charlotte looked at him with a cold smile and said, “It seems that I have to put Mr. Tony on the blacklist.”



## Chapter 171 The Son of the Pope Family Is Stinky

As soon as she finished speaking, Tony waited for Charlotte's frightened, disgusted, and angry expression.

He knew that a woman like Charlotte, who thought herself superior, would never allow anyone to insult her like this. Once her emotions were affected by him, he would find a breakthrough.

But he didn't expect that Charlotte would laugh.

She curled her lips, picked up the phone on the table, and clicked on it. "Maybe you want a more direct way..."

Tony said in a greasy voice from the speaker, and his face suddenly changed. "How dare you record it!"

When he came in, he did not see Charlotte doing anything else, but he did not expect that she would secretly record it!

After the shock, Tony quickly calmed down. "So what if you played this recording in public? It's just a few jokes."

"What you said makes sense. Why don't we post it online for everyone to judge?"

Charlotte pretended to post the recording online but was stopped by Tony in a cold voice.

Tony would not take her threat seriously at all normally. However, in the past few months, the Pope Group has been trying to clear his bad image in the eyes of the public. If he made a scandal at this critical moment, his father would be furious, no matter how big or small.

As far as she knew, he was not the only son of his father.

Charlotte also knew about this matter, so she quietly turned on the recording on her mobile phone as soon as Tony entered the door. “My requirements are not high. I just hope that you can get out of this door now.”

Hearing her words, Tony, who had thought that she would make all kinds of requests, suddenly became sullen. “Charlotte Clinton, I pay you respect, you repay me shit. I’m still willing to pursue you for the sake of the Horizon Group, otherwise...”

His malicious eyes wandered over Charlotte’s body unscrupulously. “She’s just a slag. What’s there to be proud of?”

Before he could finish his words, his father called him. “You idiot, shut up!”

Tony looked at his phone in confusion. “Dad?”

“Don’t call me dad! If you can’t handle it today, don’t come back!” Mr. Pope hung up the phone angrily.

Looking at Tony, who was at a loss, Charlotte kindly explained

to him, “I accidentally turned on the live stream on my mobile phone just now. I’m sorry if it has any impact on you.”

Although she was apologizing, her tone was not apologetic at all, as if she was gloating.

Tony suddenly understood. He quickly took out his mobile phone and browsed the news on the Internet. #The son of the Pope family is Stinky# had quietly made it to the trending list.

Although the rank position was not at the top, it had been rising rapidly.

Tony glared at Charlotte with red eyes. “You!”

Although he wanted to curse,

he had to consider the mobile phone in her hand. Tony still held back and left with a cold snort.

Charlotte had gone so far today. One day, he would double his revenge.

After sending Tony away, Frank looked at Charlotte and said, “Isn’t it too easy to let him go like this? Do you want us to push harder?”

Charlotte nodded and said, “You can hand this matter over to the PR Department. Once the topic’s popularity decreases, find a way to make it rank high again.”

Chapter 172 You Probably Don’t Blame Me, Do You

It must have been very anxious within the Pope Group by now, but where Tony’s brain wasn’t in trouble, there was no way he would bother her now.

Just as she had expected, after the stock price of the Pope Group fell by a few percent, Tony completely disappeared, not to mention he came to bother her.

Time quickly came to the day when the two companies hosted a celebration banquet.

To fit the atmosphere today, Charlotte wore a dark blue cheongsam, which perfectly showed off her curvy figure.

Coupled with the wine-red dumb lipstick, she looked extremely charming.

At least the moment Frank saw her, he praised subconsciously, “You are so beautiful!”

Charlotte had heard such compliments countless times. She just smiled faintly and said, “Thank you.”

At this time, several old heads of the company also came over and talked to Charlotte.

Although they did not think highly of Charlotte in their hearts,

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now that she had become the president of the Horizon Group, it 2/4

would be too unappreciative if they continued to object.

A group of people were talking back and forth when there was a sudden noise at the door.

Everyone looked at the door. It turned out that Joe had come with several senior executives of their company.

Charlotte subconsciously glanced around at Joe and found that he did not bring any female companion with him.

Just as she was letting her imagination run wild, Joe walked over with some senior executives around him. “We will have a pleasant cooperation in the future, Miss Clinton!”

Charlotte couldn’t refuse Joe in public, so she had to hold his hand.

“Sorry, I’m late!”

At this moment, Wendy suddenly came in a cheongsam. When she saw Charlotte’s makeup, her face changed slightly.

As a star, she was naturally very confident in her appearance, but when she saw Charlotte, her confidence was almost shattered.

“Mrs. Smith is coming!”

The senior executives were all tactful. After seeing Joe’s reaction, they could guess that there was something furtive going on. However, Wendy was still their Mrs. Smith at this

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Wendy wrapped her arm around Joe sweetly. “I’m sorry, Joe. I was delayed by my makeup on the way. You won’t be angry with me, will you?”

Joe’s face was cold, but he held back from saying anything in public and just nodded slightly.

Wendy smiled happily. “I knew you wouldn’t blame me! After all, you’ve always supported my work. You’re my biggest support!”

After showing off their love with a smile, Wendy seemed to see Charlotte at this time. “I’m sorry, Charlotte. I couldn’t help praising Joe. You won’t blame me, will you?”

If Charlotte was even a little unhappy with her words, it would mean that she was still a narrow-minded person and she still had feelings for him.

Charlotte also put on a decent smile. “Of course, I don’t mind. I just heard that Mrs. Smith’s aunt had an accident, so I thought you wouldn’t be in the mood to attend such a banquet.”

The two women were smiling, but the person next to them felt an invisible murderous aura. Since they had moved to the side without leaving a trace.

Wendy changed her expression slightly, but she still held on to Joe's hand. "What aunt? I don't know."

Chapter 173 Your Father Had Taught You A Good Lesson

"Oh? So you don't have an aunt named Stacy Vega, do you?" Charlotte looked at Wendy with a faint smile. "What a pity."

Wendy's heart lifted.

During this period, she had been filming in isolation and hadn't contacted the outside world at all. How could it be?

Fortunately, Charlotte did not intend to make her anxious. She kindly explained to her, "When our resort's project was proposed a few days ago, Stacy Vega sneaked into my house in the name of a housekeeper and stole my bidding documents. Fortunately, she only stole my fake documents. Not only was she chased by her employer, but she was also sent to the police station by us. I'm afraid she will be sentenced soon."

Wendy subconsciously grabbed Joe's arm tightly. When she realized that something was wrong, she quickly let go.

"I didn't expect there to be such a stupid person," Wendy said gloomily, "How could such a person be my aunt?"

Charlotte was not surprised by her denial. "You're right. After all, she's the future hostess of the Smith Group. How could she have such an aunt?"

Wendy forced a smile and held Joe's arm tightly. "Joe, I haven't seen your model for the resort yet. Why don't you accompany me to have a look?"

She deliberately pretended to be very intimate, and there was a hint of provocation in her eyes.

Unfortunately, Charlotte's heart had no fluctuations. She even smiled at them and said, "It's rare for Mrs. Smith to come here. Mr. Smith, you'd better accompany her. I'm leaving now."

After that, she turned around and left.

Joe's and Wendy's faces darkened at the same time.

Wendy did not expect Charlotte to leave just like that. Could it be that she had no feelings for Joe? She subconsciously turned her head and saw Joe's shocked expression. Her heart skipped a beat.

She quickly pulled Joe away. "Joe, let's go."

After leaving Joe, the senior executives of the Horizon Group gathered around and said, "Miss Clinton is amazing. After you came back, the progress speed of this project doubled! By the way, you fired several employees who didn't do anything, achieving two goals with one action. That's great!"

Charlotte laughed and said, "Thank you for your help. We still need to work hard together in the future."

While they were talking and laughing. Tony suddenly appeared at the door.

This time, he carefully styled his hair. His slightly curly hair was scattered in front of his forehead, which made him look affectionate and gentle. He also held a bunch of red roses in his hand.

Under everyone's gaze, Tony walked up to Charlotte and looked at her with a deep gaze. "I was wrong before. I grew up abroad, so I always thought that I could make you pay more attention to me with some unconventional words and behaviors. It turns out that this will only make your impression of me worse and worse. I'm sorry."

It had to be said that besides his previous words and behaviors, Tony's appearance was indeed lying. At least at present, many female employees have a mysterious smile on their faces. They had long forgotten what he had said and done before.

Charlotte was unmoved. She looked indifferent and said, "Sorry, I'm allergic to roses."

Tony changed his expression slightly and soon smiled at her again. He threw the roses into the trash can and said apologetically, "I didn't think it carefully. I'll be careful next time."

Seeing him compromise, Charlotte was a little confused. "What's wrong with Tony?" At this time, Joe and Wendy also came over. Joe looked at Tony expressionlessly and said, "It seems that your father has taught

#### Chapter 174 Get Him to Investigate Who's Behind It

A few days ago, her act of sending Tony to the trending list had a great impact on the stock price of the Pope family. It was Patrick who had tried his best to salvage the situation, released much good news in succession and took the lead in charity, which slightly improved their reputation.



It seemed that it was Patrick who had given Tony a strict order this time, forcing him to let down his pride and do this.

“Since Mr. Smith has a beauty in your arms, you don’t have to have fingers in a lot of pies.” Tony glanced at Wendy with his deep eyes, but Wendy didn’t show any gratitude. Instead, she looked away.

Joe didn’t say anything and just looked at him quietly.

Perhaps Joe’s gaze was too oppressive. After a while, Tony looked away awkwardly.

Looking at Charlotte, who had been silent all the time, Tony clenched his fists and barely kept his face calm. “I also know that I came at the improper time, but what I did before made me feel a little uneasy...”

He looked at Charlotte affectionately and said, “As long as you are willing to forgive me, I can do anything.”

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delighted. “Of course, you can tell me whatever you want!

Charlotte said, “I had a car accident some time ago, but I always felt that the driver had been bribed. Can you find out who behind it? As long as you find out, I will forgive you.”

Tony looked at Charlotte fiercely,

He didn’t know if she was deliberately creating difficulties for him or if she knew something, but he reacted very quickly, “I’m just an ordinary businessman. Miss Clinton, your request is too difficult for me.”

“Mr. Tony can’t do it?” Charlotte looked at Tony with a faint smile. “Do you not know who bribed the driver?”

Her attitude was so firm and strange that Tony couldn’t help frowning.

They had done such a thing before, but no one had ever found the real evidence. Even if someone accidentally spied on the so-called edge of the truth, all kinds of “accidents” would happen and they would no longer be able to speak.

“How would I know?” Tony forced a smile. “Why don’t you ask for something else?”

Charlotte smiled sarcastically, which made Tony frown,

As expected, she said regretfully, “I have shown all my sincerity.

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Tony’s face became even gloomier,

At this point, he was in a dilemma, but his father still wanted him to please Charlotte, and it is best to let her help to clarify...

After a while, Tony made a decision. “Since it’s the request of Miss Clinton, I’ll give it a try.”

Seeing that he agreed, Charlotte smiled and said, “Thank you, Mr. Tony.”

Tony quickly said, “It’s no trouble at all. It’s just that after I help you, you should be able to clear up what happened before, right? I just wanted to show my kindness to you that day, but I didn’t expect to cause a misunderstanding between us. You have to know that you are the most special person in my heart.”

He wanted to trick her!

Charlotte saw through Tony at a glance, but she didn't show it on her face. She smiled and said, "Mr. Tony must be very busy investigating the case, so I won't keep you here."

## Chapter 175 The Public Opinion Storm

Tony had never dreamed that he just come to find a way to restore his image in Charlotte, but accidentally promised her to investigate the case of the car accident, and even the real murderer behind it was himself.

That's ridiculous.

He looked back at the magnificent hotel behind him and sneered.

There was no need for him to go through so much trouble to get a woman. Does she think she was so great just because I respected her?

Tony snorted, then got in the car and left.

Watching Tony leave, Wendy pretended to be worried and said, "Mr. Tony is sincerely apologizing to Charlotte. Isn't this too unreasonable? No matter what mistake he has made..."

"That's her own business."

Before Wendy could finish, Joe interrupted her directly.

Wendy did not expect that Joe would not give her face in public. Her eyes suddenly turned red. "I... I'm just concerned about

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The expected scene of everyone despising Charlotte did not appear. On the contrary, many people showed a trace of joy

Wendy was alarmed, he quickly put away her sad expression and stopped talking,

What she didn't know was that what Tony had done before was broadcast live on the Internet. Later, many people edited it and posted it on the Internet, which had a wide influence,

Those who knew the truth of the thatter could not naturally stand by Tony's side, let alone Wendy, who spoke for him with empathy,

After the banquet, Wendy learned about the public opinion storm from Perry.

She almost blacked out,

Fortunately, today was just a celebration party between two companies, not in front of the media. Otherwise, she would be involved in a public opinion storm.

"Tony is so stupid that he was caught on his weakness when he did such a thing," Wendy murmured. She rolled her eyes and called broker, Penny. "Help me investigate where Charlotte recently sent a woman named Stacy Vega to the police station and where she was locked up."

After the dinner, Charlotte booked a bar for the employees of the company to play with, and she planned to go home first.

Joe proposed to take Charlotte home, but Wendy "accidentally" sprained her foot on the side.

She grabbed Joe's arm tightly and said, "I'm sorry, Charlotte. I may have to deal with my foot injury first, so he can't send you back."

Charlotte had never intended to agree to Joe's request. Seeing Wendy acting like this, she became even more disinterested. "There's no need. I have my car, my assistant, and my driver. Why don't you go home together?"

After saying that, she got into her car. Wendy pouted and looked at Joe, "Joe! I don't want you to get too close to her. I'll be jealous."

She tugged at Joe's sleeve delicately and said, "She only relied on the White Family to occupy the position of Mrs. Smith. Now that she has left, she is still trying to approach you. If it weren't for her secretly giving birth to your children..."

Wendy shut her mouth when she saw Joe's gloomy face.

She couldn't let those two little bastards live for even a moment.

After the celebration banquet, an unexpected person suddenly appeared.

“Donny 27

On this day, when Charlotte got off work as usual, she saw a tall man at the door. He was Donny White, her elder brother when she was in the White Family.

Chapter 176 Family Debt and Framing

Donny had never deeply involved himself in the family business but chose to become a university professor instead. He rarely showed up at home on usual days.

Charlotte and Donny rarely interacted. However, Charlotte remembered that when she was forced to marry Joe, Donny was furious at home for her sake. He even had a big argument with Levi, and they parted on bad terms.

After that, her relationship with Joe gradually faded, reducing her chances of seeing Donny.

Upon meeting Donny again, Charlotte noticed a hint of guilt on his face. “Mia, oh, sorry, Miss Clinton, I was unaware that the startup capital for the family came from your mother's inheritance. I am truly sorry.”

Donny looked at Charlotte sincerely, “I am now aware of the debt issues between our family and you. I'll do everything I can to repay the money as soon as possible, please rest assured.”

Charlotte was surprised at Donny's appearance, but she wasn't too taken aback by his words. She glanced at Donny and asked indifferently, “The past is the past, and there's no use talking about it anymore. Are your parents aware of your visit today?”

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It sounded like the kind of question one might be asked when visiting a friend's house.

Taken aback, Donny replied with a reluctant smile,

“They don't know about it, but I will try my best to persuade them to repay you.”

Both Levi and Diana were not easy to deal with. Charlotte didn't say much, just nodding,

“You've worked hard.”

Donny shook his head, remaining silent.

Just as Charlotte and Donny met, an unexpected figure also entered the jail.

“You finally came!”

Stacy, also known as Mrs. Vega, felt bored at first and then suddenly felt elated. She almost ran to the visitation room.

Upon hearing Mrs. Vega's loud voice, Wendy had a flash of disdain in her eyes, “I clearly assigned you the task of dealing with Charlotte. How did you end up getting yourself into prison?”

Thinking of the news she had heard, Wendy wanted to slap Stacy.

It was Mrs. Vega who confidently said she could handle Charlotte, but now she ended up in prison!

“I just wanted to earn some more money. Anyway, she's going to be ruined. What does it matter if I'm in jail?” Stacy didn't think she had done anything wrong, glaring at Wendy,

“If you hadn't stopped sending me money recently, why would I take such a risk?”

Stacy even dared to counter-question Wendy!

Wendy was furious, pointing at Stacy and scolding, “Haven’t I given you enough money recently? Do you think my money just comes out of nowhere? You’re so incompetent! Don’t think I don’t know you’re trying to benefit from both sides!”

At this point, Stacy didn’t want to hide anymore. She said helplessly, “So what? Do you want to see me in jail? Hurry up and find a way to get me out!”

Wendy laughed in frustration, “Do you think I own the police station? Do you think if I say to let you out, then you can leave? Moreover, your bidding document has not only offended

Charlotte but also Joe! If he finds out about our relationship, I’ll be in big trouble too!”

Stacy, who was originally quite composed, suddenly changed her demeanor.

She sat up nervously, staring intently at Charlotte, “What should I do? I don’t want to go to jail!”

“I can’t help you either,” Seeing Stacy like this, Wendy felt a bit of her anger dissipate.

However, Stacy threatened fiercely, “Don’t think I don’t know you want to get rid of me, a burden. I’ll tell you, if I go to jail, I can’t guarantee what I might reveal.

## Chapter 177 Wendy’s Dilemma and Charlotte’s Discovery

Wendy’s face changed dramatically.

She almost squeezed out a weak cry between her teeth, “Mom!”

That's right, the woman in front of her who claimed to be Wendy's aunt was actually her mother.

Years ago, Stacy became pregnant out of wedlock and gave birth to Wendy. Worried that Wendy would have no future following her, she used her profession to find a wealthy family unable to bear children and abandoned Wendy at their doorstep.

Had it been just that, she might still be considered a decent mother.

However, when Wendy was three, Stacy got a job as a nanny for that family and began brainwashing Wendy day and night.

She told Wendy, "You are deliberately placed in this affluent family by me. If you don't listen to me, I'll take you away, and you'll never lead such a wealthy life again."

Although a young Wendy was naive, she knew she didn't want to live a life of poverty, so she succumbed to Stacy's threats, even up to now.

hinged, her smile becoming, colder: "If you

still remember who I am, you wouldn't let me go to jail. You should also know I can't endure hardship. I believe Joe would be delighted to hear from me,"

Wendy's face instantly changed.

She stared at Stacy, deep in thought.

Stacy, who had watched Wendy grow up from a young age, knew her emotions very well. Seeing her changed expression, Stacy said, "Don't think about using any means against me. If anything happens to me, I'll periodically send all your scandals to Joe and the media. You wouldn't be able to live after that."

Wendy clenched her skirt tightly, her face paling for a moment. Then she reluctantly spoke, "I understand. I'll find a way to get you out."

The sunlight outside shone through the window onto her profile, but it only seemed to make her look gloomy.

"But you know Joe's methods. If you do something stupid and they catch you, even I might not be able to save you..."



Wendy's words were impatiently interrupted by Stacy, "Isn't he... your fiancé? Whether you are acting, cute or playing the victim, find a way to get me out!"

Wendy looked at her indifferently, "I can only try my best. If Joe doesn't release you, even if I kneel and beg him, it won't help. But I can assure you will

decent life in prison. If you don't

accept this, then we can go our separate ways."

Stacy was furious, but Wendy didn't give her a chance to speak and turned to leave the detention center.

As she just stepped out, she saw Charlotte walking into the police station not far away.

Wendy quickly hid, watching from a distance as Charlotte spoke with Officer Carter, her expression dark.

Charlotte was unaware that she had inexplicably earned the ire of Wendy again. She was currently discussing matters related to Stacy with Officer Carter.

"So you're saying she has other crimes on her record?" Charlotte looked at Officer Carter in shock. She originally thought she had caught a corporate spy, but now the situation seemed more complicated.

Officer Carter also felt helpless as he nodded, "After we uploaded her information, we almost immediately received messages from other bureaus suggesting she might be involved in other things. The specifics need further interrogation and investigation. But the trial for your case won't be starting soon."

Regarding this, Charlotte wasn't in a hurry, "It's okay, as long as I can cooperate with your work, I will fully support you."

When leaving the police station, Charlotte still felt somewhat shocked.

Back when she was at the White family's residence, although she didn't interact much with Mrs. Vega, she had heard from others

that Mrs. Vega had a gentle nature. However, now it seems that things aren't that simple.

Speak of the devil, and he shall appear.

## Chapter 178 Donny's Unexpected Appearance

Just as Charlotte thought of the White family, someone from the White family appeared in front of her.

“Donny?” Charlotte looked at the person with hesitation.

It was evident that Donny had been waiting for a while. Only after seeing Charlotte come out of the police station did he let out a sigh of relief.

He hesitantly said, “Mia, oh, sorry, Miss Clinton.”

Looking at Donny in front of her, Charlotte's expression was somewhat complicated.

Compared to Diana and Yvonne, Donny's interactions with her were not frequent. In her past impressions, Donny was always studying abroad, and after graduation, he even became a professor at a university, seldom returning home.

It was only during an accident in her childhood that Donny found her and took her to the hospital, saving her from a potentially fatal illness.

A hint of apology was visible on Donny's face: “I recently went to work on a project and only found out after I came back... In any case, what Dad and Mom did was wrong. I won't avoid

responsibility, and I will definitely pay you back.”

As he spoke, he took out a small box containing a smooth piece of white jade, “I didn't know what had happened before I returned... This is a gift I brought for you.”

Seeing the gift in Donny's hand, Charlotte's expression was somewhat complex.

She nodded in acceptance, “Thank you.”

After hesitating for a while, Donny said, “I will pay you back as soon as possible. You... take good care of yourself.”

After finishing his words, Donny turned and left.

Charlotte watched his retreating figure for a long time but remained silent.

That evening, when she returned home, Anna was immediately taken with the piece of white jade in Charlotte’s jewelry box, “Mom, this is so beautiful!”

Charlotte asked with a smile, “Anna, do you really like this white jade?”

Anna nodded vigorously, “I like it! Mom, can you give it to me?”

“Come and ask me for it when you’re a bit older,” Charlotte replied, patting her head, “I’ll keep it safe for you in the meantime.”

Although Anna was slightly disappointed that she couldn’t receive the gift immediately, she obediently agreed.

Then, she mysteriously told Charlotte, “Mom, Ben has been acting strange lately. Every time he comes home, he just goes straight to his room. He doesn’t play with me.”

Charlotte raised an eyebrow, “Really? I’ll check on him later.”

“Great! Mom, you have to tell him that he must play with his cute little sister!” Anna said, tapping her chest with a somewhat cute expression.

Charlotte chuckled.

When Charlotte entered Ben's room, she indeed saw Ben hiding something. He looked up with slight panic, "Mom? Why are you here?"

Charlotte did not rush to take a look at his things. Instead, she asked gently, "What are you doing?"

"It's a secret," Ben looked seriously at Charlotte.

Charlotte chuckled, "Okay, I won't pry into your secret. But can you tell me if this secret will put you in danger?"

Ben shook his head.

"Alright, I respect your secret," Charlotte patted his head, "But could you spare some time to play with Anna? You've been ignoring her lately, and she's a bit upset."

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4/4 Ben quickly agreed, "Alright, I'll make time to play with her."

Just as Charlotte was about to leave, Ben called her again, "Mr. McKinney wants to invite us to watch the meteor shower on Saturday. Is that okay?"

Charlotte was taken aback for a moment and then agreed with a smile.

Chapter 179 The Schemes Behind the Scenes

Wendy didn't expect that when she returned home, Joe was already sitting in the living room,

She thought about how the two of them had been living together for so long but always slept in separate rooms. A sly gleam flashed in her eyes, “Why did you come back so early today?”

She tried to hold Joe’s hand, but Joe subtly avoided her grasp.

“You visited the detention center today,” Joe’s eyes stared intently at Wendy, sending shivers down her spine.

A flurry of thoughts raced through Wendy’s mind. Knowing she couldn’t hide her movements, she decided to admit it.

With tears in her eyes, Wendy looked at Joe and said, “Actually... she is really my aunt.”

Wendy sat down next to Joe and began to sob softly, “When my parents met with an accident years ago, they looked after me for a while. But finding it hard to afford my upkeep, they left me at my current parents’ doorstep. It was only after I grew up and became famous that she sought me out again... I didn’t admit this in front of Charlotte because I didn’t want others to know about that part of my past. And more importantly, I didn’t want them to think that I’m with you only for your money.”

She took Joe’s hand, tears streaming down her face, “Joe, you know I’m not like that. I love you, not your money,”

As she spoke, she purposefully turned her arm to reveal the red birthmark.

But unlike usual, Joe didn’t relent upon seeing the birthmark. Instead, he looked at her silently for a long while, “Do you remember how many kidnappers there were when we were abducted?”

Wendy was taken aback, answering with a rigid expression, “Three. Why are you suddenly asking me this?”

“Okay.”

Joe quietly acknowledged, his deep eyes swirling with countless emotions that were forcefully suppressed.

Wendy took a deep breath and took the opportunity to say to Joe, “After all, she is my aunt...can you...”

Joe indifferently replied, “She’s stolen business secrets worth 20 billion dollars this time, involving both the Smith Group and Horizon Group. Do you think I can let her go?”

“This venture is ultimately our own project. If you decide not to pursue it, I don’t think Charlotte would say anything.” Wendy softly leaned against Joe, her eyes seductive, “I can do anything for you if you wish...”

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Despite her evident intentions, Joy remained unmoved.

He stood up and looked at Wendy, “If you want, I can help her get the best lawyer.”

With Wendy’s surprised gaze following him, Joe slowly walked upstairs.

Wendy tightly gripped the leather surface of the sofa. She remembered the news she had checked today and made a phone call, “I can get you what you want, but you have to help me too.”

Whatever was said on the other side made Wendy hesitate for a moment before she gritted her teeth and agreed.

Donny wasn't just speaking casually about repaying the money. In just two days, he came to Charlotte with a check.

Charlotte looked at the check in front of her, worth five million dollars, and raised an eyebrow, "What is this...?"

"I know we owe you a lot and it might take some time to pay it all back, but I want to repay it bit by bit," Donny sincerely looked at Charlotte, "This is the money I got from selling my house temporarily. Please take it for now."

Charlotte lowered her eyes to the check in her hand, asking, "Where are you living now?"

Donny chuckled, "I have a place to stay. You don't need to worry."

Charlotte pondered for a moment, then accepted the check.

But Donny didn't rush to leave.

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He hesitated as he looked at Charlotte and said, "I know Dad and Mom have done a lot of wrong to you over the years. You probably don't want to have any ties with us. But we grew up together as siblings. Even if we are not family in the future, we can be friends."

Charlotte did not respond.

Seeing this, Donny continued, "It's getting late. How about we have dinner together?"

Charlotte didn't hesitate and nodded in agreement.

Donny took Charlotte to CAL Restaurant.

He gently placed the menu in front of Charlotte with a warm smile, “It’s been a long time since I last came here. Why don’t you take a look at what you’d like to eat first?”

After Charlotte randomly ordered a few dishes, the waiter took the menu and left, leaving only the two of them in the private

room.

After a brief silence, Donny began, “Actually, Dad and Mom were supposed to come today.”

Charlotte looked up at him.

Donny forced a wry smile, “Now they realize just how wrong they were back then. They not only betrayed the trust your mother placed in them but also let down the admiration you once held for them.”

Seeing no significant change in Charlotte’s expression, Donny quickly added, “Don’t worry, I didn’t let them come with me. You’ve just learned the truth and must be finding it hard to digest everything. They can apologize to you once you’ve had some time to process everything.

Charlotte still didn’t comment. Donny didn’t continue on that topic either, but they chatted occasionally, reminiscing about the past.

If Donny hadn’t mentioned Levi and Diana, the dinner would have been relatively harmonious.

After the meal, Donny insisted on taking Charlotte home.



On the way, he talked to Charlotte about his plan to repay the money, even considering resigning from the school and returning to his family's company to work so that he could clear his debts as soon as possible.

Charlotte didn't expect Donny to go to such lengths. Just as they stepped out of the restaurant, Charlotte suddenly felt a strong force coming toward her.

Out of nowhere, a man with a knife appeared, wildly swinging his blade toward Charlotte.

away from the attacker

while yelling, "Hide! It's too dangerous out here!"

The man with the knife waved it frantically, injuring several people in no time.

Donny shielded Charlotte behind him. The crimson blood dripped on the ground as he said in a deep voice, "The police will be here soon; stop this madness!"

The knife-wielding man didn't seem to understand Donny's words. He glanced back at him and suddenly lunged at them with his blade raised.

Charlotte dodged quickly, but the man kept swinging his knife and chased after them relentlessly.

"Watch out!" Donny shouted suddenly, pulling Charlotte to the side and kicking the man's hand hard.

The man's dagger fell to the ground, and the security guards who had been waiting for an opportunity rushed up and tied up the assailant.

The man was taken away. Charlotte's gaze fell on Donny, "You're hurt!"

Donny, covering his arm, smiled, “I’m fine, are you okay?”

Charlotte looked at him with a complex expression, shaking her head, “I’m fine, you should go see a doctor.”

Donny nodded,